

## RECORD BREAKER IN GIFTS.

STEAMERS CARRIED LAST WEEK \$729,

908 IN MONEY ORDERS FOR RELA-

TIVES IN EUROPE.

The Lucania, sailing from New-York for Queenstown yesterday, carried money orders, largely Christmas presents from wage earners in this country, aggregating \$371,603.64. This was the third shipment for the week. On Tuesday the *Trave* took \$241,801.98, and on Wednesday the *St. Louis* carried \$116,303.03, the three shipments making \$729,908.65. This, according to Superintendent Elliott, is the largest single week's shipment of money orders to the other side in the history of the New-York Postoffice.

"I should say that the average amount sent in the money orders this year is close to \$12, and I don't believe it will be considered an unlucky number if just that sum should be received by some of the European relatives of the people who send it from here," said Mr. Elliott yesterday. "So far as I can judge, offhand, the Irish on this side are more liberal in their remittances to their relatives in Europe than any other nationality. After them I would put the Swedes. The Swedes and the Irish seem to be exceedingly frugal. The money orders are of all amounts, running from 10 shillings to £10 in Great Britain. Lots of people returning to Europe from this country, after a year's or two years' work here, use the Postoffice as a bank. They carry back sometimes \$2,000 or \$3,000, and they get it made into money orders just before they start. An old Swiss haberdasher has the other day got money orders for \$1,200 in his own favor. He will draw the money when it is desired to secure a profit of the trip which it is desired to secure with some opposition when it is brought up to a trial meeting of the club, a number of more conservative men will fall for the retention of the old clubhouse at Fifth-ave. and Twentieth-st. Franklin Bartlett when seen yesterday by a Tribune reporter verified the report that the Site Committee had recommended the purchase, and that nothing more definite could be said upon the subject until after the meeting Wednesday night."

## PYTHIANS AGAINST A MEMBER'S FAMILY.

TRYING TO EFFECT HIS RELEASE FROM AN ASYLUM, WHERE HIS RELATIVES PLACED HIM.

Plainfield, Dec. 16 (Special).—As the result of a conference held last night in this city by the grand officers of the Knights of Pythias and a committee from Perseverance Lodge, the local chapter, the order will probably make all attempt to secure the release of John Ulrich, of this city, a member of the order, from the Morris Plains State Insane Asylum where he is now confined. The Knights say that Ulrich is reasonably detained there, and that they have evidence to prove that he is sane and fully committed. It is expected that lawyers representing the Knights of Pythias will apply to have Ulrich produced in court under habeas corpus proceedings, and it is stated that the habeas corpus procedure will be used in consultation with the members of Ulrich's family, who had him sent to Morris Plains. The officials at the asylum say that their patient is not in a fit condition mentally to be at large.

## SITE RECOMMENDED FOR UNION CLUB.

At a meeting of the Union Club, to be held on Wednesday evening, the recommendation of the Site Committee that the club buy the three lots at the northeast corner of Fifth-ave. and Fifty-first-st., a portion of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum property, which has just been sold to a syndicate, will come up for consideration. The Site Committee, consisting of John McLean Nash, Franklin Bartlett, Joseph Agoston and Charles D. Dickey, met last Wednesday night and reported favorably to the Board of Governors, which met the same evening.

The price of the plot which it is desired to secure is \$700,000. It is thought that the proposition may meet with some opposition when it is brought up to a trial meeting of the club, a number of more conservative men will fall for the retention of the old clubhouse at Fifth-ave. and Twentieth-st. Franklin Bartlett when seen yesterday by a Tribune reporter verified the report that the Site Committee had recommended the purchase, and that nothing more definite could be said upon the subject until after the meeting Wednesday night.

## NEWS OF THE NINTH REGIMENT.

In the 9th Regiment Lieutenant O'Donnell, recently elected captain of Company A, has passed the Board. A committee of that company is arranging an entertainment. Corporal William B. Petrie, of Company B, has passed the Board. Lieutenant Herman C. Leonhard, of that company, is an enthusiastic player on the indoor baseball team.

In Company C there is talk of reorganizing the old polo team and joining the athletic association of the regiment. Corporals Connolly and Chaplin, of C, have received their warrants. The non-commissioned officers of the regiment are to meet on December 21 to form an organization. The annual joint games of Company G and the Xavier Athletic Association have been set for February 1. The company seems to be in full swing.

Oratory that is Oratory. The 9th is on Friday in the money order division of the Postoffice of this city numbered 16,488, and the money handled amounted to \$349,682.65. The following names show the amount of money sent to their destination abroad and the amount they represent on the ocean liners carrying them last week:

## THE TRAVE.

No. of orders. Amount.  
Great Britain ..... 1,227 \$10,417,820  
Ireland ..... 1,180 15,669,069  
Sweden ..... 2,619 23,743,137  
Denmark ..... 74 532,229  
Norway ..... 136 1,736,726  
Hungary ..... 319 3,067,227  
Austria ..... 150 1,584,888  
Italy ..... 322 5,316,666  
Luxemburg ..... 12 365,005  
Totals ..... 21,917 \$26,991,918

## THE ST. LOUIS.

No. of orders. Amount.  
Great Britain ..... 1,740 20,479,577  
Ireland ..... 2,111 16,250,479  
Denmark ..... 62 146,353  
Norway ..... 17 87,073  
Switzerland ..... 132 1,629,767  
Italy ..... 207 3,404,409  
Austria ..... 106 1,629,158  
Hungary ..... 561 16,292,024  
Totals ..... 30,577 \$16,503,003

## THE LUCANIA.

No. of orders. Amount.  
Great Britain ..... 10,451 \$109,820,587  
Ireland ..... 1,025 1,257,105  
Sweden ..... 1,864 18,168,71  
Norway ..... 971 12,657,48  
Denmark ..... 968 1,656,721  
Netherlands ..... 17 1,629,767  
Switzerland ..... 132 1,629,767  
Italy ..... 207 3,404,409  
Austria ..... 106 1,629,158  
Hungary ..... 44 12,990  
Totals ..... 35,886 \$187,908,664

Superintendent Elliott says the incoming foreign mails with the return orders and presents will soon begin to arrive, and will continue to come until New Year's.

Superintendent Fuller of the registry division of the Postoffice in the city, who was present yesterday afternoon to Postmaster Van Cott, showed that the number of registered packages shipped to foreign countries last week was 71,290, or an increase of 20 per cent over the number of registered packages handled by the division in the corresponding period of 1898, which aggregated 58,302 packages.

The shipments of registered packages last week were 20,165, Trave, 15,227; St. Louis, 9,665; La Gascogne, 2,468; and by the Lucania yesterday, 18,425 packages.

## MUSEUM STRIKE STILL ON.

GENERAL DI CENSOA THINKS THE ADDITION CANNOT BE READY FOR THE PUBLIC IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS.

The strike was still on yesterday on the \$1,000,000 addition to the Metropolitan Museum on Art. Thomas Dwyer, of Cullen & Dwyer, told a Tribune reporter yesterday afternoon that if there were no strike in progress the addition could be finished by May 1. This would include the plaster and carpenter work and the mosaic flooring throughout the building, except the attic and two wing floors, which are to be laid in wood. Work on the north and south ends, and on the westerly connection with the main building is completed, and the skylights on the north and south wings are practically finished. The ground area of the addition is about 40,000 square feet, and this is covered with the exception of about 5,000 square feet on the side facing Fifth-ave. The space in front being about two hundred feet long.

Mr. Dwyer said there were not one hundred and fifty men affected by the strike, including stone setters, plumbers and steamfitters. The iron men were working yesterday. If the strike should end now, the building could be included in six weeks, provided the weather would admit of work three days a week, and in the mean time work could proceed on the other parts of the building. The masonry walls, however, are covered with canvas and the building is amply protected against bad weather during the strike. Without any strike the building could have been entirely covered by time as the stone is practically all dressed and ready for setting, and is lying in the yard and on the scaffolding.

## CHANGE IN DOUBLEDAY &amp; MCCLURE COMING

A rumour is afloat in the book publishing trade that an important change in the firm of Doubleday & McClure is impending. Mr. Doubleday yesterday would not deny that the contemplated change involved a separation of the book publishing department under his control from the magazine department under Mr. McClure's control, but said emphatically that there was no disagreement between Mr. McClure and himself. Mr. McClure, he said, would continue to hold stock in the magazine, and the firm would then give the people an opportunity to subscribe for the new publication.

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The usual weekly table of price changes for the more active stocks follow:

## LA FAYETTE DOLLARS ALL COINED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—The coining of the fifty thousand Lafayette dollars at the Mint here for the Lafayette Memorial Commission has been completed. The money will shortly be packed in bags and put in small bags, 1,000 to a bag, each bag weighing when filled sixty pounds and be sent to the members of the Commission in Chicago under the care of the United States Express Company. The Commission, under the direction of its secretary and treasurer, will then give the people an opportunity to subscribe for the new publication.

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## COURT CALENDARS FOR MONDAY.

Appellate Division—Supreme Court—Recess.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part I—Before Beckman, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part II—Before Gilder, J.—Cases to open at 10:30 a. m. Ex parte matters.

Judge J. Marion Denison, New York, 117, 120, 126, 127.

Cases unfinished.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part I—Before Leventritt, J.—Cases to be sent from Part III for trial.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part II—Before Dunnigan, J.—Cases to be sent from Part III for trial.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part III—Before Beckman, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

Surrogate's Court—Trial Term—Part I—Before Clegg, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

Surrogate's Court—Trial Term—Part II—Before Dunnigan, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

Surrogate's Court—Trial Term—Part III—Before Dunnigan, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

Surrogate's Court—Trial Term—Part IV—Before Dunnigan, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

Surrogate's Court—Trial Term—Part V—Before Dunnigan, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

Surrogate's Court—Trial Term—Part VI—Before Dunnigan, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

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Surrogate's Court—Trial Term—Part XII—Before Dunnigan, J.—Cases to be sent from Part IV for trial.

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